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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs  
Two-Day Briefing for CIA Personnel

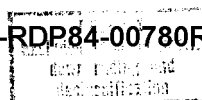
1. On 13 and 14 October the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) presented a two-day briefing program on narcotics and drugs to 500 CIA personnel at the Auditorium, Headquarters. Attached is a copy of the schedule of this event. In this report, Mr. [ ] the coordinator of the briefing, records some facts and some personal opinions pertaining to the speakers, the audience, and the subject which produced a diversity of opinions as to the quality of the briefings. 25X1

#### BACKGROUND

2. In early spring 1970, BNDD requested that CIA officers lecture occasionally to BNDD career trainees on clandestine methods and techniques. Instead, we proposed to survey BNDD training prior to accepting any such commitment. As part of this survey, [ ] attended a two-day BNDD presentation to area police officials at the Northern Virginia Community College. The DDS, upon reading [ ] favorable report on the BNDD program, directed OTR to arrange a similar BNDD program for CIA Personnel, Security and Medical officers. [ ] was asked to coordinate the program. 25X1 25X1 25X1

3. Initially, we planned that about 50 CIA officers would attend the BNDD program. Then, because the large CIA Auditorium at Headquarters was the only adequate site available, OTR principals decided to open registration to all Agency personnel, and about 800 people requested attendance, but attendance was restricted to 500 - - the maximum seating capacity of the Auditorium. (See Bulletin from OTR Registrar attached.) BNDD was informally requested to repeat the program at some indefinite time in the future and they agreed.

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#### BNDD SPEAKERS

4. The two-day program was presented by Special Agents Oscar F. Simon and James J. McMahon. (See Schedule attached.) Both officers are college graduates and have had abundant field experience (including undercover operations) and both are now assigned to the Special Training Division as Program Coordinators. Simon appeared to be in charge. He seems to understand the composition of narcotics and dangerous drugs and is conversant on the effects they produce under various circumstances. He is not a polished lecturer; he is even uninteresting, but on the second day of the program, he performed better than on the first day. He doesn't tell dirty jokes nor does he use vulgar language, but he does repeat himself and tends to be moralistic and didactic. But his material is factual, informative, at times even well organized. He is a failure as a comedian.

5. James J. McMahon is a great comedian. His style is burlesque, even vulgar. He is opinionated, argumentative, and critical of parents who do not control their children, of medical professionals who disperse dangerous drugs freely, and of judges who readily release offenders. But he is most entertaining. The audience accorded him a standing ovation after each of his presentations. His lectures were laced with "mod" quips, allusions to sex, and four-letter words. However, as controversial as his style may be, he is dead serious in his desire to awaken people to the hard reality of narcotics and dangerous drugs and what it is doing to the country. His years of personal contact with addicts have caused him to realize the grave dangers inherent in drugs. He uses shock treatment techniques to awaken listeners to what he knows to be the facts of drugs.

#### THE AUDIENCE

6. The audience consisted of over 500 CIA personnel of all ages, men and women, who sat in place long before the first lecture was scheduled to start. They appeared to be intensely interested in the subject and asked many questions during the discussion periods. During all of the break periods, some of the listeners would crowd around the lecturers for additional information and discussion. Several listeners at times disagreed strongly with the speakers' opinions, for instance on the efficacy of Methodone as a replacement for heroine addicts, and on the dangers associated with the use of marijuana. A few older male listeners resented McMahon's vulgarity. One listener alleged that women in the audience were insulted and would soon drop out of the program. As it turned out, the contrary occurred. Another gentleman strongly predicted that the speakers would play to an empty house on the second day. The contrary occurred -- there were at least 25 people standing

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in the rear of the Auditorium during the second day because all seats were taken. One discontented listener reportedly planned to organize a "league for human decency" to protest McMahon's tendency to be vulgar. A group of Agency doctors in attendance notified [ ] that they would put in an official complaint in writing, protesting against McMahon's slurring remarks pertaining to doctors' inability to identify drugs and narcotics users, the doctors' practice of prescribing dangerous drugs to patients without knowledge or understanding of the dire results, and the general inability of psychologists and psychiatrists to be of help in drug and narcotic problems. In general, however, the audience was most receptive to all that was said and felt that for the most part, the program was worthwhile. In fact, several in attendance agree that McMahon was encouraged to indulge in burlesque techniques by the abundant laughter and applause accorded him for his somewhat vulgar remarks made in his early lectures. Many listeners expressed their gratitude to the speakers for the information presented. There were many congratulatory remarks about the program and numerous listeners commented that they had learned more from Simon and McMahon than from numerous writings and lectures. One black female employee from Washington, D. C. claimed she is now finally convinced of the real dangers of narcotics and drugs. Several listeners tried to arrange for the speakers to present the same briefings to other members of their component.

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### CONCLUSION

7. In short, the BNDD program contained a great variety of attitudes -- at times it was boring, at times highly entertaining. At times the speakers wandered through a maze of trivia and repetition and, at times, put out an abundance of fresh meaningful facts. Without exception, the movies shown were superior. One thing is certain, the audience, for whatever reason, was highly motivated, attentive, and gracious. The disturbing conclusions reached by the speakers on the widespread use of narcotics and dangerous drugs and all the many related aspects of this problem caused many listeners to suggest that we look elsewhere for hope. The speakers insisted they told it as it is. After all, the speakers have spent over 20 years each trafficking with narcotics addicts and drug abusers. The style and technique used to inform a CIA audience of 500 reflected their background in the streets. Simon and McMahon are sincere and motivated special agents who did the best they knew how.

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BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS TRAINING SCHOOL  
Langley, Virginia

October 13 - 14, 1970

Tuesday (October 13, 1970)

10:00 - 11:00 History of the National and International  
Drug Traffic  
  
Special Agent Oscar F. Simon  
Program Coordinator  
Special Training Division

11:00 - 12:00 Drug Identification, Part I  
Opiates, Synthetics and Cocaine  
  
Special Agent James J. McMahon  
Program Coordinator  
Special Training Division

12:00 - 1:00 Drug Concealment  
  
Special Agent Oscar F. Simon

1:00 - 2:00 LUNCH

2:00 - 3:00 Drug Identification, Part II  
Barbiturates, Tranquilizers and Amphetamines  
  
Special Agent Oscar F. Simon

3:00 - 4:00 Recognizing A. Drug Abuser  
  
Special Agent James J. McMahon

4:00 - Film - "The Riddle"

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Wednesday (October 14, 1970)

10:00 - 11:00	Drug Identification, Part III Hallucinogens  Special Agent Oscar F. Simon
11:00 - 12:00	Drug Identification, Part IV Marihuana  Special Agent James J. McMahon
12:00 - 12:30	Film - "Drugs and the Nervous System"
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30	Investigation of a Drug-Caused Death  Special Agent Oscar F. Simon
2:30 - 3:30	Narcotics Informants/Undercover Techniques  Special Agent James J. McMahon
3:30 - 4:00	Film - "The Speed Scene"

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# SPECIAL BULLETIN

O F F I C E O F T R A I N I N G

No. 19-70

18 September 1970

To: All Training Officers of the Agency

## NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

In response to requests by Agency officials for current information and expert advice on drugs, the Office of Training has arranged with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (Department of Justice) to conduct a 2-day briefing on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

DATES 13 and 14 October 1970  
1000 - 1600 Hours.

LOCATION Headquarters Auditorium

FOR Agency employees interested in this topic.

DESCRIPTION The briefing will cover such topics as:

1. Identification and recognition of amphetamines, barbiturates, hallucinogens, narcotics, marijuana, and synthetics.
2. National and international drug traffic.
3. Philosophical problems related to use of marijuana and other drugs.

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A variety of visual and sensory aids and teaching methods will be used, including films and sample demonstrations of odor and smoke. Ample time will be allowed for questions and answers.

REGISTRATION

There is space for 450 in the Auditorium. Form 73 is not required, but Training Officers are requested to call OTR/ISS/AIR extension  with nominees expecting to attend. OTR/ISS/AIR will then send to the Training Officers an appropriate number of admittance slips.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SSA/DDS

SUBJECT : Narcotics Seminar -  
13 - 14 October 1970

1. You may be interested in the reaction of some of the WH Division people to reference seminar:

a. There is a great deal of interest in this subject among our people. This breaks down into two groups: (1) those with teenage children; and (2) those people in their early 20's who seem to be closely connected to the "drug culture".

b. The speakers got off to an unfortunate start by stating that they had only expected to speak to a group of 50. The handout agenda was apparently written for this small group and proved useless as a guide to the seminar.

c. One of the speakers seemed to thrive on four letter words and smutty allusions. This turned off some of the older members of the audience. The other speaker was not very articulate, and much less interesting than his partner.

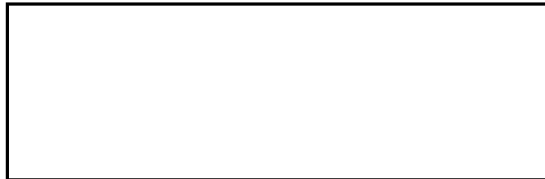
d. In general, comments from the parents with teenagers expressed disappointment at the contents of the presentation. These people seemingly were seeking answers to specific problems involving drugs, the drug traffic, and how to cope with the attraction that teenagers have for drugs. A frequent comment from this

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group was "they didn't say anything". Some similar comments were made by younger personnel, but apparently they got more from the lectures (possible because they are less well read on the subject) than the parents did.

e. The films were generally well received.

2. It has been suggested that, in view of the widespread interest in this subject, films such as those used by the Bureau of Narcotics team, and possibly well presented lectures, might be offered as a noontime presentation in the auditorium. Many people who could not afford the time away from the desk for this two-day series have expressed interest in hearing what was said and seeing the films.



Chief, WH Support

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